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Ref. No. MI/X13033

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**(Original Application)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled  
AUTOMATIC DEVICE FOR FINISHING AND CUTTING MULTIPLE OR SINGLE IMAGES ON PAPER AND OTHER GRAPHIC  
AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBSTRATES IN REELS OR SINGLE SHEETS.

the specification of which (check one)

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as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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MANUAL OF PATENT EXAMINING PROCEDURE

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<b>VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS</b> <b>(37 CFR 1.9(f) &amp; 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN</b>	Docket Number (Optional) 06023-71
Applicant or Patentee: <u>Valter Maddalon</u> Serial or Patent No.: _____ Filed or Issued: <u>Herewith</u> Title: <u>Automatic Device For Finishing And Cutting Multiple Or Single Images</u> <u>On Paper And Other Graphic And Photographic Substrates In Reel or Single</u> <u>Sheets</u>	
I hereby declare that I am <input type="checkbox"/> the owner of the small business concern identified below; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:	
NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN <u>FOTOBIA INTERNATIONAL S.a.s. di Alberto Pietro &amp; C.</u> ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN <u>Via G. Marconi, 101 - QUAREGNA (Biella) Italy</u>	
<p>I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.</p> <p>I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  <input type="checkbox"/> the application identified above.  <input type="checkbox"/> the patent identified above.</p> <p>If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).</p> <p>Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no such person, concern, or organization exists.  <input type="checkbox"/> each such person, concern or organization is listed below.</p> <p>Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)</p> <p>I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))</p> <p>I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.</p>	
NAME OF PERSON SIGNING <u>FERLA GIORGIO</u> TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER <u>ATTORNEY</u> ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING <u>V.Cereie 167 - TRIVERO (BI) ITALY</u> SIGNATURE <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> DATE <u>April 20, 1999</u>	

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